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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**IMPROVED/ALTERNATE METHOD FOR APPLYING HOT MELT ADHESIVES TO CARPET**

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

Newly executed Declaration,  Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract

8 pages of specification and claims (including 11 numbered claims), and  
1 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.

Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..  
 Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.  
 Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
 This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
 Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.  
 The prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
 It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.  
 Applicant claims "small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached.  
 Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:  
 Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement;  Non-Publication Request;  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission;  Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application;  Other:

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